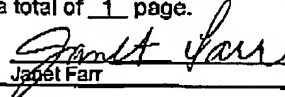


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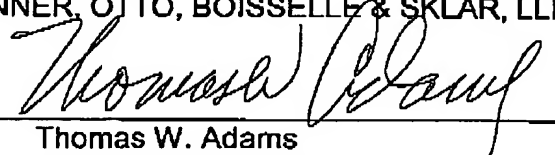
The above-identified application has been on file since December 9, 2003. The applicant respectfully inquires as to when the application will be taken up for examination.

A prompt reply to this inquiry would be appreciated.

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